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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,430,570 to Judge et al., issued 6 August 2002;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,430,564 to Judge et al., issued 6 August 2002;
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,173,335 to Culbert et al., issued 9 January 2001;
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,366,898 to Taivalsaari et al., issued 2 April 2002;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,768,510 to Sheri L. Gish, issued 16 June 1998;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,668,997 to Lynch-Freshner et al., issued 16 September 1997;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,418,966 to Hari H. Madduri, issued 23 May 1995; and
8. U.S. Application Publication No. US-2001-0029605 A1 to Forbes et al., published on 11 October 2001.

Foreign Patent Documents

1. JP 2000- 250758, to Hewlett Packard Co., published 14 September 2000, (English abstract provided);
2. JP 2003-502730, to Sun Microsystems, Inc., published 21 January 2003, which claims priority from WO00/077633A1 (PCT/US00/1473) also submitted herewith, and which as stated in the Abstract of WO00/077633A1 relates to: A lightweight containment framework supporting shareable program modules. The containment framework is sufficiently compact and efficient to run on a wide variety of resource-constrained, small footprint devices, such as personal data assistants (PDAs), smart cellular phones, global positioning system (GPS) receivers, etc. The containment framework provides module management services such as module registration, lookup, instance tracking, etc. The

basic functionality provided by the framework may be extended by adding system modules into the framework. The shareable program modules may implement services. Modules may be both service providers and clients of other service modules. The lightweight and efficient nature of the system enables application programs traditionally associated with desktop computer systems, such as web browsers, email clients, etc., to run on small footprint devices. The on-device applications/services built on the containment framework may be integrated with off-device services running on network service providers.

3. WO 00/077633 A1, to Sun Microsystems, Inc., published on 21 December 2000.

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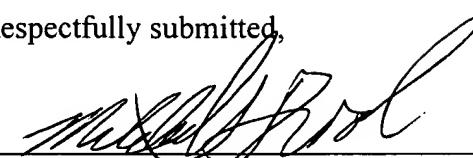
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